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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF U.S. CCMS COORDINATOR

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1. TURKEY'S CCMS COORDINATOR, FUNDA TEZOK, COMMENTED TO EMBOFF IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION THAT JULY 20 AND 21 WOULD NOT BE A GOOD TIME FOR PROPOSED VISIT, WHICH MIGHT BE MORE USEFULLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. HE EXPLAINED THAT MANY GOT OFFICIALS ARE TAKING THEIR SUMMER VACATIONS EARLY THIS YEAR SO THAT THE ANNUAL RAMASAN FASTING PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENT HOLIDAY (AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 6) DO NOT PUT A CRIMP IN THEIR VACATION PLANS.

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED TEZOK LATER AT HIS OFFICE TO ASK IF THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF WARD'S VISIT, IN REPLY TO EMBOFF'S LETTER TO TEZOK AND TO PROPOSALS IN REF A. TEZOK REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST
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BUT MERELY A PERSONAL OPINION.

3. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, TEZOK SAID HE HIMSELF WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH WARD ON JULY 20 AND 21, AND HE PROMISED TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH TURKEY'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE NEXT WORKSHIPS ON REMOTE SENSING AND SEISMOLOGY AS WELL AS WITH

A POLICY-MAKING OFFICIAL IN MFA SUCH AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BHC HAZAR.

4. EMBASSY NOTES THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR WARD TO MEET HAZAR OR MUSTAFA AKSIN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, BECAUSE BOTH ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE THEIR CURRENT POSTS FOR AMBASSADORIAL POSITIONS TO WHICH THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED WHETHER OR NOT THEIR SUCCESSORS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND CLUED IN ON JULY 20 AND 21 IS NOT YET CLEAR.

5. EMBOFF HAS SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS FOR WARD ON JULY 20 AND 21 WITH DR. ALPAN OF MTA, DR. BERKSAN OF TUBITAK AND EMBASSY ECON/COM COUNSELOR AS WELL AS DETERMINING THAT ERDAL COSKUN OF COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR AN APPOINTMENT. HOWEVER, MUTDOGAN HAS BEEN REPLACED AS PRESIDENT OF ENERGY DEPARTMENT BY MESUT SENYOL. TEZOK HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FIND OUT WHETHER SENYOL WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. IF SO, WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT UNDER SENYOL.

6. WITHIN A WEEK EMBASSY WILL MAKE DEFINITE RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE PLANS FOR JULY 20-21 VISIT.
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